

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, Applicants have amended the claims such that each claim now defines patentable subject matter as indicated by the allowable claims in the Office Action. Claims 20-32 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.


Claims 19-23, 25-26, and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as having been obvious over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,991,025; 5,327,708; and 6,144,444. Claims 24 and 27-31 were indicated allowable.

Claim 19 has been cancelled. Claims 20-23 and 25-26 have been amended to be dependent upon a claim indicated allowable. Claim 24 and 27-28, indicated allowable, have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 29-31 are dependent upon claims indicated allowable. Claim 32 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 24, indicated allowable.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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